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In re Application of :  
Donald G. Wallace et al. :  
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ON PETITION

This is a decision on the petition under 37 CFR 1.137(b), filed September 12, 2003, to revive the above-identified application.

The petition is granted.

The above-identified application became abandoned for failure to reply within the meaning of 37 CFR 1.113 in a timely manner to the final Office action mailed January 29, 2003, which set a shortened statutory period for reply of three (3) months. No extensions of time under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a) were obtained. Accordingly, the above-identified application became abandoned on April 30, 2003.

**The two-month period for filing an appeal brief in triplicate (accompanied by the fee required by 37 CFR 1.17(c)), runs from the date of this decision.**

The application file is being forwarded to Technology Center AU 1615 for further processing.

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